ploughed back export profit for next 5 years; Exemption from minimum alternate tax under section 115JB of the Income Tax Act; Exemption from CST and Service tax; Single window clearance for Central and State level approvals; Exemption from State sales tax and other levies as extended by the respective State Governments.

World class infrastructure facilities for Exporters

860. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to create world class infrastructural facilities to help exporters especially of textiles;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Scheme for Integrated Textile Parks (SITP) has been in operation since 2005. The basic objective of SITP is to provide world class infrastructure facilities to the textile industry. So far, 30 parks have been sanctioned under the SITP.

Additional administrative and regulatory staff for SEZs

861. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has so far accorded formal and in-principle approvals for more than 500 Special Economic Zones throughout the country;

(b) if so, whether the commissioners of different SEZs have requisitioned additional staff both for administrative and regulatory work including personnel for excise and customs; and

(c) whether it would be more expedient, that creation of posts and posting of officials for SEZs be done alongwith the notification of an SEZ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The creation of posts for Special Economic Zones (SEZs) can be taken up only for notified SEZs. Sanctions for creation of 1526 posts have been issued during this year.

FTA with Brazil and South Africa

862. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether India has concluded talks with Brazil and South Africa with regard to entering into Free Trade Agreement (FTA);

(b) if so, the outcome of the talks;